HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 157 By West

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dennis H. Shipp on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dennis H. Shipp is one such estimable person who has served the State of Tennessee with distinction for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shipp will be taking a much deserved retirement on February 28, 2005 after dutifully serving the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, starting his tenure with the State in the Department of Financial Institutions in 1980 as a bank examiner, Mr. Shipp also served as Director of Credit Unions and Training Director of the Department of Financial Institutions before returning to the Bank Division in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shipp is a Certified Financial Examiner (CFE) with the Society of Financial Examiners (SOFE) and a CEM Certification Examination Manager with the Conference of State Supervisors, and he has worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens through all his assignments with the Department of Financial Institutions; and

WHEREAS, as Training Director, Dennis Shipp secured valuable training for each person in the areas of Bank, Credit Union, and Compliance Examiners in the field and for office personnel in each division of the Department including the Legal Staff; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Shipp has served on the Board of Governors with the Society of Financial Examiners for ten years and on the Executive Committee as Vice President of

Financial Institutions Testing for ten years; he was also the National Chairman of the Certification Committee for the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS); and

WHEREAS, over a four-year period, Mr. Shipp served as a committee member on the CSBS Credit Evaluation School which revised and re-evaluated the credit evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shipp exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dennis Shipp has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dennis Shipp our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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